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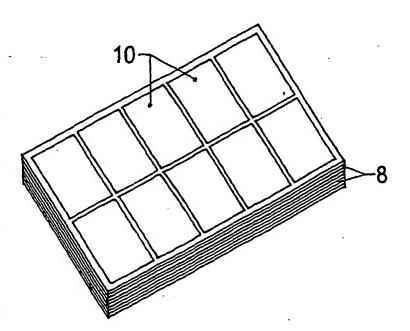
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(57) Abstract: The invention concerns a reference card for the use as a reference object concerning light reflection and colour balance in photographing, which reference card has a neutral grey colour and reflects a predetermined amount of light. The back of the reference card provided with a releasable adhesive and that a number of reference cards are assembled in a pad (1), on a sheet (8) or attached to a strip (7) which is stored in a rolled-up position so that the reference cards are protected from light by each other. The invention also concerns a method of manufacturing said inventive reference card, whereby the colour in question of the card is applied by spraying or painting so that it opaquely cover the card.

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REFERENCE CARD

The present invention concerns a reference card to be used as a reference object concerning the light reflection and colour balance in photography, especially a grey card, which has neutral grey colour and reflects a predetermined amount of light.

Grey cards are used in photography for taking light measurement and exposure setting of the camera, and in after 10 treatment of the picture, the grey card can be used as a reference when producing a picture with the right colour balance. Briefly the method comprises the steps to measure the reflecting incoming light on the grey card by means of a light meter, the grey card normally reflecting 18 % of the incoming light, and to adjust the exposure setting of the camera 15 according to the measured value. Thereafter, the object is photographed with the settings of the camera appropriate for the occasion, whereby the photo is stored on a film or in an electronic memory according the used camera technique. When producing the picture it is known that the grey card is 20 properly exposed, whereby this information gives data for copying or for digital production of the whole picture.

Previously known grey cards are made of rigid carton with a neutral grey side, which reflects 18 % of the incoming light and a white side, which reflects substantially 90 % of the incoming light and are sold in one smaller and one bigger size, about 130 cm² and 520 cm², respectively, at a relatively high price. The grey cards are sensitive to light and gradually change colour. After some time the colour value has changed too much so the grey colour is not neutral any longer and the grey card cannot be used for the balancing of grey and colours any longer.

Another problem is that the grey cards are large and ungainly to transport together with the camera equipment and

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occupy a large area of the photo so that a large portion of the original photo must be cut away. Additionally, they are difficult to place at the object to be photographed. Mostly large clips are required or you have to try to lean the grey card against something, at the same time it is not allowed to be in an angle towards the wrong direction.

The aim of the present invention is to set aside the above mentioned problems.

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This aim is fulfilled by means of a reference card according to the preamble which is characterized in that the back of the reference card is provided with a releasable adhesive and a number of reference cards are assembled in a pad, on a sheet or attached to a strip, which is stored in a rolled-up position so that the reference cards are protected from light by each other.

The advantage with this reference card is that it is easy to bring, easy to attach where it is preferably positioned and also easy to remove and reattach at another position and reuse it as long as the colour stays unchanged. Since the reference cards are attached one upon the other as in a pad, attached to sheets or attached to a strip, which is stored in a rolled-up position they protect each other from having a change in colour due to exposure of light. Only the top one in the pad will be exposed to light. The sheets are preferably stored with the reference card sides opposing each other or folded so the reference cards thereof are protected from light.

According to one embodiment, the reference card is flexible, which has the advantage that the reference card may be folded and, for example, attached in an inclined position from the surface.

According to another embodiment the front of the reference card is provided with a field, which facilitates the setting of the focus when photographing objects without sharp contours and which additionally, when photographing using

multishot technique (for example three shot technique where one red, one blue and one green picture is assembled on top of each other) may be used for centering of the taken pictures (three in case of three shot technique, four in case of four shot technique) so that they exactly coincide.

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According to a further embodiment, the reference card is provided with a grey scale, which has the same neutral grey colour as its basis as the rest of the reference card but is mixed with white and black, respectively, and which extends from white, 0 % black mixed in, to black, 100 % black mixed in, via a number of grey fields with varying mixes of white and black, respectively. The grey scale is, for example, used as a reference for the contrast and to set the white- and blackpoint of the motif.

According to another embodiment, the reference card is provided with a colour scale with reference colours.

Preferably the pad, the sheets or the roll of reference cards are stored in a light tight box and the size of the reference card is smaller than 300 cm² prefereably smaller than 130 cm² and most preferably smaller than 70 cm². Also very small reference cards may be made with an area surface of about 1-3 cm². Such card may advantageously be provided with a white and a black field to give the possibility to set the white and black point of the motif.

Preferred embodiments will now be described in more detail in connection with the drawings, in which:

- Fig. 1 shows a pad of reference cards according to the present invention.
- 30 Fig. 2 shows an enlarged reference card according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention.
 - Fig. 3 shows a roll of reference cards according to the present invention.
 - Fig. 4 shows a number of sheets with a number of attached

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reference cards according to the present invention.

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The reference cards 10 according to the invention are provided with a releasable adhesive on the back. The adhesive may cover the whole of the back or portions thereof, for example, as a strip along one of the edges. Thanks to the adhesive the reference card 10 may be provided in a pad 1 where the reference cards placed on top protects the reference cards 10 placed underneath from exposure of light, since light gradually makes the reference cards more and more yellow, i.e. the neutral grey colour changes into a grey colour where yellow dominates. See fig. 1. Another possibility is to attach preferably small reference cards 10 to a strip 7, which is rolled-up into a roll where the reference cards 10 are preferably provided on the inside of the strip 7 to be protected from light by each other and the strip 7. See fig. 3. A further possibility is to attach a number of reference cards to a sheet 8, which, for example may be stored as loose sheets or in a pad, see fig. 4.

The reference card, according to a preferred embodiment, is flexible so it is bendable or foldable, whereby the adhesive attach to the surface and the folded-out portion faces the camera in an appropriate angle, and therefore are easier to attach and position in an appropriate place. It may be torn apart so that a smaller portion is used in close-up photography or made in very small sizes.

The reference card must be light-tight and may not let light through, for example, from behind. Preferably the back is black.

When photographing, for example, large paintings it may be difficult to set focus, wherefore preferably a white field 2 with a black grid 3 is provided at the front of the reference card, see fig. 2. Also a black field 4 with white lines 5, which, for example, forms a target may be provided.

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Of course may such fields have any design, the main thing is that it is contrasty.

Such fields 2, 4 are a great help when taking digital photos and then especially when taking digital photos using multishot technique. This technique comprises the steps of taking a photo of the object a number of times, for example using three shot technique three times, with the same settings but with different colour filters, using three shot technique red, blue and green and then assemble these photos into the one and same photo. The camera is very sensitive so the slightest movement of the floor causes easily a displacement of any of the photos. To be able to see if a displacement has occurred and thereafter centre the photos, i.e. pixle adjust the photos, a very contrasty field in the photo with thin lines, which seldom naturally exists on the object being photographed, is required. To have at least one field like this on the reference card facilitates the work enormously.

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Preferably also a grey scale 6 provided at the front of the reference card, which grey scale is based on the same neutral grey colour as the rest of the reference card. The grey scale extends from white to black via a number of fields with different mixes of white and black, respectively. In the preferred embodiment a grey scale is illustrated which show the percentage of black mix. The white field has 0 % of black mixed in, the next field has 5 % of black and in this way the scale steps up with 5 % per field until 100 % black is reached. Of course other than shown sizes of the percentage steps may be used or the numbers may show the percentage of mix in of white or the numbers may be missed out. The grey scale helps determining of the contrast and at which percentage the picture shall be produced. This is important for obtaining the best results in typing and printing of pictures. Of course, a colour field may also be provided on the front of the reference card if wished (not shown) so that

a reference may be achieved for each colour, red, blue, green, cyanogen, magenta and yellow.

Advantageously the inventive reference card may be used when scanning reflective images to be able to determine the grey balance.

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One of the advantages of the reference card according to the present invention is the convenient size. Fig. 2 show the reference card in its biggest size, about 300 cm2, but preferably they are not larger than about 130 cm² and rather not larger than about 70 cm². The reference cards may also be made in very small sizes, preferably between 1-3 cm² and preferably without the previously mentioned fields. However they may advantageously be provieded with a black and a white field for the determination of the blackpoint and the whitepoint, respectively. These small reference cards may be of great use in general photography since such a small field not always need to be cut away from the picture but gives one or more reference points. Thanks to the adhesive on the back they are easily positioned at desired place. The pad 1, the strip 7 or the sheets 8 with reference cards is preferably stored in a light-tight box (not shown). In its smallest size the box of reference cards may easily be carried in a pocket without the risk of being creased or damaged.

Since the reference cards, just as film, is a "fresh article" decaying with time and light sensitive they may be marked with a date and even marked with a serial number or emulsion number so that their exact values may be attained from the producer.

With this preferred embodiment a convenient reference card, which is easy to work with, last for a long time and additionally has a lot help and special functions, is provided.

The reference card according to the invention may be manufactured of a carrier means of paper, carton or of a

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suitable plastic material and the colour in question may be applied by means of opaquely covering by spraying or painting. This method is preferred instead of a printing method, which may bring up problems at the actual printing in achieving a fully covering colour layer, the right tint as well as a reference card with full quality and resistance.

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CLAIMS

- 1. A reference card for the use as a reference object concerning light reflection and colour balance for photographing, which reference card has a neutral grey colour and reflects a predetermined amount of light, characterized in that the back of the reference card is provided with a releasable adhesive and that a number of reference cards are assembled in a pad (1), on a sheet (8) or attached to a strip (7), which is stored rolled-up so that the reference cards are protected from light by each other.
 - The reference card according to claim 1, wherein the reference card is flexible.

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3. The reference card according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the reference card on its front is provided with a field (2, 4) for assistance in setting focus and/or for centering of the pictures taken by digital multishot photographing.

- 4. The reference card according to claim 3, wherein one field is a white field (2) with a black grid (3).
- 5. The reference card according to claim 3 or 4, wherein one field is a black field (4) with a target of white lines (5).
- 6. The reference card according to anyone of the previous claims, wherein the reference card on its front is provided with a grey scale (6) where the grey scale (6) has the same neutral grey colour as the reference card but where the grey colour is mixed with white and black, respectively, in different extent.

7. The reference card according to claim 6, wherein the grey scale (6) is divided in fields from white to black, wherein each field is marked with the percentage of how much black the field comprises.

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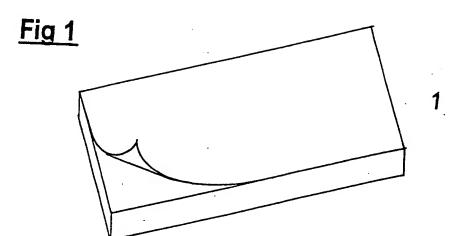
- 8. The reference card according to anyone of the previous claims, wherein the reference card on its front is provided with a colour scale with reference colours.
- 9. The reference card according to anyone of the previous claims, wherein the front of the reference card has a surface area which is less than 300 cm², preferably less than 130 cm² and most preferably less than 70 cm².
- 10. The reference card according to anyone of claims 1-8, wherein the front of the reference card has a surface area which is about 1-3 cm².
- 20 11. The reference card according to claim 9, wherein the reference card shows a black and a white field.
- 12. The reference card according to anyone of the previous claims, wherein the pad (1), the sheets (8) or the strip (7) with reference cards are stored in a lighttight box.
 - 13. A reference card for the use as a reference object concerning light reflection and colour balance in photographing, which reference card has a neutral grey colour and reflects a predetermined amount of light, characterized in that the back of the reference card is provided with a releasable adhesive, that a number of reference cards are assembled in a pad (1) so that the reference cards are protected from light by each other and

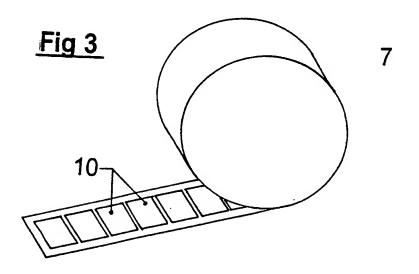
that each front of the reference cards is provided with a white field (2) with a black grid (3), a black field (4) with a target of white lines (5) and a grey scale (6) where the grey scale (6) has the same neutral grey colour as the reference card but where the grey colour is mixed with white and black, respectively, in different extent.

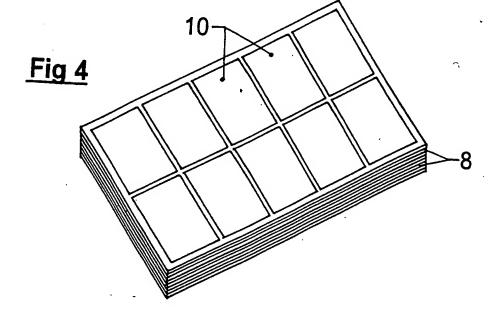
14. A method for manufacturing a reference card according to anyone of the previous claims, characterized by applying the colour in question of the card by spraying or painting so that it opaquely covers the card.

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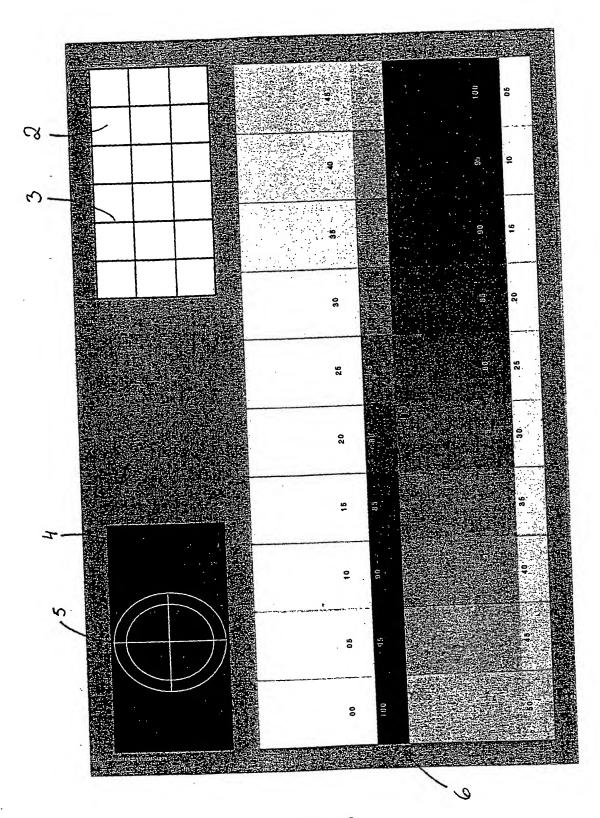


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The invention defined in claims 1-14 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

None of the cited documents gives any indication towards the claimed reference card and a method of manufacturing it. No relevant combination of the cited documents would lead a person skilled in the art to the invention defined in the claims.

Therefore, the invention defined in claims 1-14 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. It is also considered to be industrially applicable.

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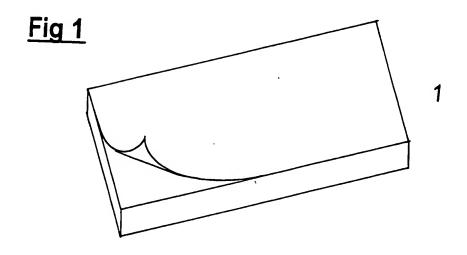
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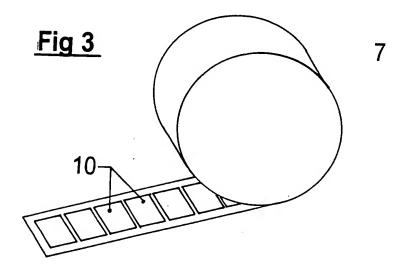
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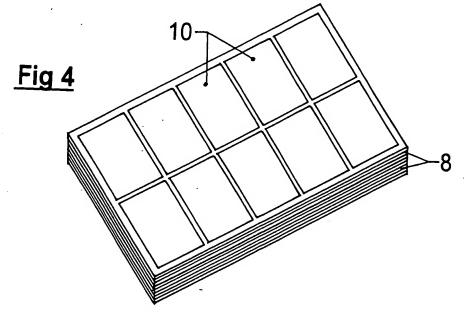
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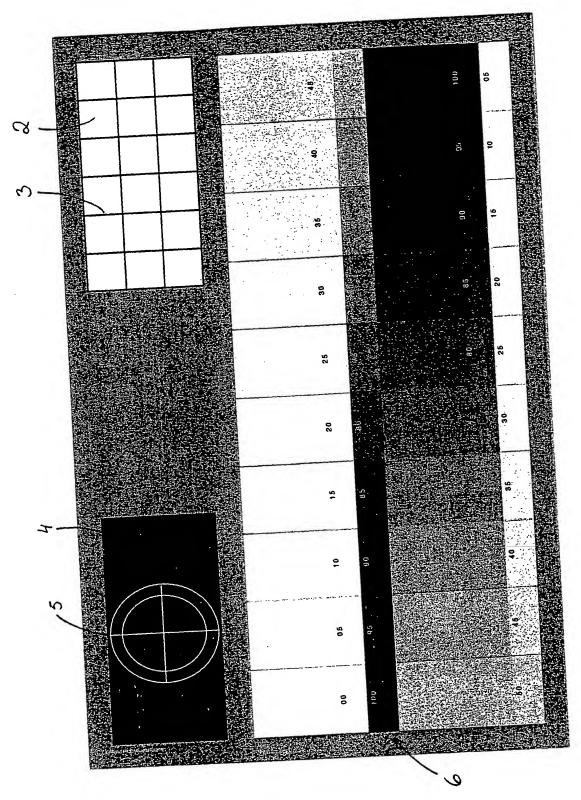


Fig. 2

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GRÅKORT

Föreliggande uppfinning avser ett gråkort för användning som referensobjekt avseende ljusreflexion och färgbalans vid fotografering, närmare bestämt ett gråkort som har en neutral grå färg och reflekterar en förbestämd mängd ljus.

Gråkort används vid fotografering för ljusmätning och exponeringsinställning av kameran och vid efterbehandling av bilden är gråkortet till hjälp som referens vid framställning av en bild med rätt färgbalans. I korthet innefattar förfarandet att med ljusmätare mäta det reflekterade infallande ljuset på gråkortet, vilket standardmässigt reflekterar 18 % av det infallande ljuset, och att justera kamerans exponeringinställning efter det uppmätta värdet. Därefter fotograferas föremålet med för situationen inställda exponeringsvärden på kameran, varvid fotografiet lagras på en film eller i ett elektroniskt minne beroende på använd kamerateknik. Vid framställning av bilden vet man att gråkortet är rätt exponerat, varvid denna information ger data för kopiering eller för digital framställning av hela bilden.

Kända gråkort är tillverkade av styv kartong med en neutral grå sida som reflekterar 18 % av det infallande ljuset och en vit sida som reflekterar ungefär 90 % av det infallande ljuset och säljs i en mindre och en större storlek, c:a 130 cm² respektive 520 cm² till ett relativt högt pris. Gråkorten är ljuskänsliga och färgförändras efter hand. Efter en tid har färgvärdet ändrats för mycket så att den grå färgen inte längre är neutral så att gråkortet inte längre kan användas för gråoch färgbalansering.

Ett annat problem är att gråkorten är stora och otympliga att transportera med kamerautrustningen och tar upp stor del av fotografiet så att stor del av orginalfotografiet måste beskäras. Dessutom är de svåra att placera vid föremålet som ska fotograferas. Oftast krävs stora klämmor eller så får man försöka luta gråkortet mot något samtidigt som det inte får vinklas åt fel håll.

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Ändamålet med föreliggande uppfinning är att undanröja ovanstående problem.

Detta ändamål åstadkoms med hjälp av ett gråkort enligt det inledande stycket som kännetecknas av att gråkortets baksida är försedd med återfästande adhesiv

och att ett antal gråkort är samlade i ett block, på ett ark eller vidhäftade vid en remsa som förvaras ihoprullad så att gråkorten är skyddade från ljus av varandra.

Fördelen med detta gråkort är att det är behändigt att ta med sig, lätt att fästa där man vill ha det och även flytta om det och återanvända det så länge det inte färgförändras. I och med att gråkorten är fästa på varandra som i ett block, fästa på ark eller vidhäftade vid en remsa som förvaras ihoprullad skyddar de varandra från att färgförändras av ljus. Endast den översta i blocket exponeras för ljus. Arken förvaras företrädesvis med gråkorten vettande mot varandra eller vikes så att gråkorten därpå skyddas från ljus.

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Enligt en utföringsform är gråkortet flexibelt vilket har fördelen att gråkortet kan vikas och exempelvis fästas i vinkel upp från underlaget.

Enligt en annan utföringsform är gråkortets framsida försett med fält som underlättar inställningen av skärpan vid fotografering av föremål utan skarpa konturer och som dessutom vid digital fotografering med multiskottsteknik (exempelvis treskottsteknik då en röd, blå och grön bild lagras på varandra) kan användas för centrering av de tagna bilderna (tre vid treskottsteknik, fyra vid fyrskottsteknik) så att de exakt sammanfaller.

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Enligt ytterligare en utföringsform är gråkortet försett med en gråskala, vanligtvis kallad gråkil, som bygger på samma neutrala grå färg som på resten av kortet men som är uppblandad med vitt respektive svart och som sträcker sig från vitt, 0% svart inblandat, till svart, 100% svart inblandat, via ett antal grå fält med varierande inblandning av vitt respektive svart. Gråkilen används bland annat som referens för kontrasten samt att sätta vit- och svartpunkten i motivet.

Enligt ännu en utföringsform är gråkortet försett med en färgskala med referensfärger.

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Företrädesvis förvaras blocket, arken eller rullen med gråkort i en ljustät ask och gråkortets yta är mindre än 300 cm², företrädesvis mindre än 130 cm² och helst mindre än 70 cm². Även mycket små gråkort kan tillverkas med en ungefärlig area av 1-3 cm². Dessa kan med fördel vara försedda med ett vitt och ett svart fält för att kunna sätta vit- och svartpunkten i motivet.

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Föredragna utföringsformer kommer nu att beskrivas mer detaljerat med

hänvisning till ritningarna, på vilka:

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Fig 1 visar ett block med gråkort enligt föreliggande uppfinning.

Fig 2 visar ett uppförstorat gråkort enligt den föredragna utföringsformen av föreliggande uppfinning.

Fig 3 visar en rulle med gråkort enligt föreliggande uppfinning.

Fig 4 visar ett antal blad med ett antal vidhäftade gråkort enligt föreliggande uppfinning.

Gråkorten 10 enligt uppfinningen är försedda med återfästbart adhesiv på baksidan. Adhesivet kan täcka hela baksidan eller delar därav, exempelvis som en sträng längs ena kanten. På grund av adhesivet kan gråkorten 10 anordnas i block 1 där de ovanpåliggande gråkorten skyddar de underliggande gråkorten 10 från att exponeras för ljus, eftersom ljus med tiden gör att gråkorten gulnar, det vill säga att den neutrala grå färgen ändras till en grå färg där gul färg överväger. Se fig 1. En annan möjlighet är att företrädesvis små gråkort 10 vidhäftas på en remsa 7, vilken rullas ihop till en rulle där gråkorten 10 företrädesvis anordnas på insidan av remsan 7 för att skyddas från ljus av varandra och remsan 7. Se fig 3. Ytterligare en möjlighet är att ett antal små gråkort är vidhäftade vid ark 8, vilka kan exempelvis förvaras som lösa ark eller i block. Se fig 4.

Gråkortet enligt en föredragen utföringsform är flexibelt så att det kan böjas eller vikas, varvid adhesivet fäster på underlaget och den utvikta delen vetter mot kameran i en passande vinkel, och är därmed lättare att placera på ett passande ställe. Det kan även rivas sönder så att en mindre del används vid närbildsfotografering eller tillverkas i mycket små storlekar.

Gråkortet måste vara ljustätt och får inte släppa igenom ljus exempelvis bakifrån. Företrädesvis är baksidan svart.

Vid fotografering av exempelvis tavlor kan det vara svårt att ställa in skärpan varför företrädesvis ett vitt fält 2 med ett svart rutnät 3 är anordnat på framsidan av gråkortet, se fig 2. Även ett svart fält 4 med vita linjer 5 som exempelvis bildar en måltavla kan vara anordnat. Givetvis kan dessa fält ha vilket mönster som helst, huvudsaken är att det är kontrastrikt.

Dessa fält 2, 4 är till stor hjälp vid digital fotografering och då framförallt vid digital fotografering med multiskottsteknik. Denna teknik går ut på att fotografera föremålet ett antal gånger, exempelvis med treskottsteknik tre gånger, med samma inställning men med olika färgfilter, vid treskottsteknik rött, blått och grönt, för att sedan överlagra dessa bilder i en och samma bild.

Kameran är väldigt känslig så minsta rörelse på golvet orsakar lätt en förskjutning av någon av bilderna. För att kunna se om förskjutning skett och därefter centrera bilderna, det vill säga pixelpassa bilderna, krävs ett mycket kontrastrik fält i bilden med tunna linjer, vilket sällan finns naturligt på det fotograferade föremålet. Att ha åtminstone ett sådant fält på gråkortet underlättar arbetet oerhört.

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Företrädesvis är också en gråkil eller gråskala 6 anordnad på framsidan av gråkortet, vilken gråskala är baserad på samma neutrala grå färg som resten av gråkortet. Gråskalan sträcker sig från vitt till svart via ett antal fält med olika inblandning av vitt respektive svart. I det föredragna exemplet illustreras en gråskala som visar procenttalet av svart inblandning. Det vita fältet har 0% inblandning av svart, nästa fält har 5% inblandning av svart och så stegar sig skalan upp med fem procentenheter per fält tills 100% svart är nått. Givetvis kan andra storlekar på procentenhetstegen användas än här visade eller så kan siffrorna visa procenttalet av vit inblandning eller så kan man avstå från att visa siffrorna. Gråskalan hjälper till vid bestämning av kontrasten och vilket procentvärde bilden ska framställas med. Detta är av stort värde för bästa resultat vid utskrifter och tryckning av bilder.

Givetvis kan även färgfält anordnas på gråkortets framsida om så önskas (ej visat) så att en referens kan erhållas för varje färg, rött, blått, grönt, cyan, magenta och gult.

Med fördel kan det uppfinningsenliga gråkortet användas vid inscanning av påsiktsbilder för att kunna bestämma gråbalansen.

En av fördelarna med gråkorten enligt föreliggande uppfinning är att de är behändiga i formatet. Figur 2 visar gråkortet i sin största storlek, c:a 300 cm², men företrädesvis är de inte större än c:a 130 cm² och helst inte större än c:a 70 cm². Gråkorten kan också tillverkas i mycket små storlekar, företrädesvis mellan 1-3 cm² och företrädesvis utan de tidigare nämnda fälten. Däremot kan de med fördel vara försedda med ett svart och ett vitt fält för bestämning av svart-

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respektive vitpunkten. Dessa små gråkort kan vara till stor nytta vid allmän fotografering då ett så litet fält inte alltid behöver skäras bort från bilden men ger en eller flera referenspunkter. På grund av adhesivet på baksidan kan de lätt placeras på önskat ställe. Blocket 1, remsan 7 eller arken 8 med gråkort bör förvaras i en ljustät ask (ej visad). I sin minsta storlek kan asken med gråkorten utan problem bäras i fickan utan risk för att veckas eller skadas.

Eftersom gråkorten, precis som film, är en färskvara och ljuskänsliga kan de datummärkas och även märkas med ett serienummer eller emulsionsnummer så att dess exakta värden kan erhållas från tillverkaren.

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Med denna föredragna utföringsform har man ett behändigt gråkort som är smidigt att arbeta med, håller länge och dessutom har många hjälp- och specialfunktioner.

Gråkortet enligt uppfinningen kan tillverkas av ett bärarämne av papper, kartong eller av ett lämpligt plastmaterial och kortets aktuella färg kan appliceras genom en täckande sprutning eler målning. Detta förfarande är att föredra framför ett tryckningsförfarande, vilket kan medföra både problem vid själva tryckningen för erhållande av ett fullständigt täckande färgskikt, rätt nyans, ävensom ett kvalitetsmässigt och hållfasthetsmässigt fullgott gråkort.

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PATENTKRAV

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- 1. Gråkort för användning som referensobjekt avseende ljusreflexion och färgbalans vid fotografering, vilket gråkort har en neutral grå färg och reflekterar en förbestämd mängd ljus, **kännetecknad av** att gråkortets baksida är försedd med återfästande adhesiv och att ett antal gråkort är samlade i ett block (1), på ett ark (8) eller vidhäftade vid en remsa (7) som förvaras ihoprullad så att gråkorten är skyddade från ljus av varandra.
- 2. Gråkort enligt patentkrav 1, varvid gråkortet är flexibelt.
- 3. Gråkort enligt patentkrav 1 eller 2, varvid gråkortet på sin framsida är försett med fält (2, 4) för hjälp vid inställning av skärpan och/eller för centrering av de vid digital multiskottsfotografering tagna bilderna.
- 4. Gråkort enligt patentkrav 3, varvid ett fält är ett vitt fält (2) med ett svart rutnät (3).
 - 5. Gråkort enligt patentkrav 3 eller 4, varvid ett fält är ett svart fält (4) med en måltavla av vita linjer (5).
 - 6. Gråkort enligt något av de föregående patentkraven, varvid gråkortet på sin framsida är försett med en gråskala (6) där gråskalan (6) har samma neutrala grå färg som gråkortet men där den grå färgen är uppblandad med vitt respektive svart i olika grader.
 - 7. Gråkort enligt patentkrav 6, varvid gråskalan (6) är uppdelad i fält från vitt till svart, varvid varje fält är märkt med procenttalet för hur mycket svart fältet innehåller.
- 8. Gråkort enligt något av föregående patentkrav, varvid gråkortet på sin framsida är försedd med en färgskala med referensfärger.
 - 9. Gråkort enligt något av föregående patentkrav, varvid gråkortets framsida har en yta som är mindre än 300 cm², företrädesvis mindre än 130 cm² och helst mindre än 70 cm².
 - 10. Gråkort enligt något av patentkrav 1-8, varvid gråkortets framsida har en yta

som är ungefär 1-3 cm².

- 11. Gråkort enligt patentkrav 9, varvid gråkortet uppvisar ett svart och ett vitt fält.
- 5 12. Gråkort enligt något av föregående patentkrav, varvid blocket (1), arken (8) eller remsan (7) med gråkort förvaras i en ljustät ask.
- 13. Gråkort för användning som referensobjekt avseende ljusreflexion och färgbalans vid fotografering, vilket gråkort har en neutral grå färg och reflekterar en förbestämd mängd ljus, **kännetecknad av** att gråkortets baksida är försedd med återfästande adhesiv, att ett antal gråkort är samlade i ett block (1) så att gråkorten är skyddade från ljus av varandra och att varje framsida hos gråkorten är försedd med ett vitt fält (2) med ett svart rutnät (3), ett svart fält (4) med en måltavla av vita linjer (5) och en gråskala (6) där gråskalan (6) har samma neutrala grå färg som gråkortet men där den grå färgen är uppblandad med vitt respektive svart i olika grader.
 - 14. Sätt för framställning av ett gråkort enligt något av de föregående patentkraven, kännetecknat av att kortets aktuella färg täckande appliceras på detsamma genom sprutning eller målning.

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SAMMANDRAG

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Uppfinningen avser ett gråkort för användning som referensobjekt avseende ljusreflexion och färgbalans vid fotografering, vilket gråkort har en neutral grå färg och reflekterar en förbestämd mängd ljus. Gråkortets baksida är försedd med återfästande adhesiv och att ett antal gråkort är samlade i ett block (1), på ett ark (8) eller vidhäftade vid en remsa (7) som förvaras ihoprullad så att gråkorten är skyddade från ljus av varandra. Uppfinningen avser även ett sätt för framställning av ett uppfinningsenligt gråkort, varvid kortets aktuella färg täckande appliceras på detsamma genom sprutning eller målning.

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